

**US Youth Soccer Region IV Council Meeting
August 8, 2002
Hilton Hotel - San Francisco, CA**

Call to order - Director Darl Rose called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM

Pledge of Allegiance - In remembrance of 9/11, and after giving a phrase-by-phrase explanation of the meaning of the pledge, Washington's Ron Copple led the pledge of allegiance.

Roll Call and Voting Strength - Deputy Director Jolene Woodhave called roll and announced the number of votes assigned to each State Association. A quorum was established with 59 votes present. Region IV Secretary, Linda Bolin (1 vote) was not present at the meeting.

Position	Name	votes	Position	Name	votes
Alaska President	Joe Ver	3	New Mexico President	Mark Paffett	3
Arizona President	Melody Dye	4	Oregon President	Steve Baker	5
California North President	John Murphy	6	Utah President	Richard Messenger	4
California South President	Rod Short	5	Washington President	Ron Copple	6
Colorado President	Robert Selsvold	5	Wyoming President	Lyle Nannemann	3
Hawaii President	Scott Keopuhiwa	3	Deputy Director	Ron Cooke	1
Idaho President	Jim Coleman	3	Deputy Director	Jolene Woodhave	1
Montana President	John Hollow	3	Treasurer	John Mikenis	1
Nevada President	Sally Kodya	3	Director	Darl Rose	0

Communications and Announcements – Pam Copple, the Region IV Historian, announced that each Association is requested to find someone within their state association or state office to work on the history project and send the corresponding email addresses to Ms. Copple. Each Association was given 2 worksheets with names and stats. Each state should prepare the history sheet for their own state (include Hall of Fame information). Director Rose requested that a CD of the files be distributed to each State Association. Deputy Director Woodhave read a letter from Region IV National Championship Chairman, Tom Mendoth in which he filed his report regarding national championships.

Confirmation of minutes -The minutes of the 2/14/02 Region IV Council meeting in Atlanta, GA were accepted as published.

Changes to agenda – Director Rose added the agenda item "secretarial position" under new business.

Treasurers Report - John Mikenis presented his report. Financial detail is provided with history for comparison purposes. Region IV continues to maintain adequate cash reserves. Camp receivables continue to have some struggles. Fees should be submitted at time of camp meeting if at all possible. Mikenis will check into timeliness of invoices as per the request of California North's John Murphy. Based on a question from Washington's Ron Copple, Mr. Mikenis explained that each gender has a separate account in the camp accounting system.

Director's Report - Director Rose thanked Utah for hosting Far West Regionals. It was a great experience for all. He thanked all of the committees for their hard work that is often unrecognized by others. The Cal North Amateurs Association will be celebrating their 100th anniversary in August. The international release procedure is being revised to include down to the U12 age group. A copy of the new procedure will be sent to the Associations as soon as it is available. US Youth Soccer is issuing a new publication to one million member families. This year one issue will be published, next year two issues, and the following year three, etc. US Youth Soccer Associations must provide the best programs to bring kids to our programs. CYSA's issue in which USSF is asked to define "open" was discussed in closed session at the NBOD meeting. Director Rose noted that Rch De Jana, Mike Blackburn, and Charlie Marshall were in attendance. The USSF Foundation delegation of Jim Hamilton, Herb Giobi and Brad Hays were introduced. Hamilton explained the "friends of soccer" local fundraising committees that will be working in conjunction with the Foundation. Jody explained that the Foundation, along with Nike, would be unveiling a new field initiative for artificial surface fields. A grant program will be forthcoming with a

formal announcement to follow. September 15th is the date for core grant applications to be distributed. The Nike program will use same application, but those applications are due 11/15 rather than 12/1. Nike has committed 500,000 for five years for 2 ½ million dollars total. Director Rose announced that all committees would be holding workshops in Hawaii.

Committee Reports - All reports are included in the Book of Reports

Premier Committee – Jay Johnson reported that the committee met in Utah. He thanked the states for their support of the program. The plan is to offer 16 and 18 age groups in the summer of 2003. Jay would like each state to send a representative to the Hawaii meeting so that final details, including league format, high school conflicts, and championship formats can be worked out. As requested by Cal South's Rod Short, Director Rose indicated a conference call would be scheduled prior to the Hawaii workshop date. The Cal South event hosted by Gary Sparks was discussed. Johnson indicated this is simply a tournament, not a regional event. Questions regarding this event should be directed to Mr. Sparks.

Deputy Director - Deputy Director Woodhave presented 100% Club certificates from the national office to Cal South, Montana, and Utah.

Council Members / Introductions – Director Rose introduced the state delegations. He made a special point of recognizing Lyle Nanneman, who is leaving the Wyoming State presidency and introducing Ken Uhrich, who would be assuming the WSSA presidency. Director Rose introduced Dr. Bob Contiguglia, who commented on the quality of players he saw at Snickers National Championships and the development of youth players. He reported that World Cup culminated the four best years of soccer in the US history. Contiguglia asked for the delegates' support in his bid for reelection to USSF president. Tony DiCicco, the Commissioner of WUSA was introduced, along with VP Tom Meredith. WUSA has strong connection with US Youth Soccer. The American fan is their target. They recognize that the relationship with youth soccer must be nurtured. Commissioner DiCicco reported that the WUSA all-star game would be held in Portland on September 21st. He also announced that WUSA has implemented a new program - YES (Youth Energizing the Stadium.)

Old Business

2002 Region IV Workshop – Hawaii's president, Scott Keopuhiwa gave an update on the workshop plans. Information regarding the Ala Moana Hotel was distributed. He noted that everyone should pay particular attention to the 9/17 deadline. Registration forms will be sent directly to state offices unless otherwise requested. Deputy Director Woodhave indicated which states had already made their reservations and asked all other states to check with her. Rates have been extended to 3 days prior and 3 days after the scheduled event. Scott gave a brief overview of hotel and surrounding business and local activities. The goody bag will include information about recommended sites, activities, etc.

2003 Far West Regionals – The organizing committee is set and is in contact with Tom Mendoth and Deputy Director Woodhave. The Waipahu Soccer complex is the location for games. It is approximately 30-35 minutes from Waikiki. Contact Hawaii's Scott Keopuhiwa or his assistant, Michelle Schreiner for any questions or comments. The Ala Moana Hotel will serve as the event headquarters. Additional hotel information will be posted on the website. Oregon is looking into chartering flights as the late completion date of their state cup prohibits early airline reservations. Scott suggested checking with Hawaiian Air and indicated HUSA would make an effort to coordinate with airlines on behalf of any states needing late reservations.

New Business

Rules Change Proposals - Mike Blackburn, Region IV Rules Committee member, announced that he would field any questions regarding the conference call that took place with the Association presidents and Director Rose. There were 6 proposed changes to US Youth Soccer By Laws and about a dozen to USSF By Laws. Montana's John Hollow had questions on the term limits recommendation. Kentucky is proposing that terms be restricted to 3 consecutive terms in the SAME office. However, the way the rule is written it indicates 3 terms in ANY office, which the committee does not recommend. An amendment to the proposal may be offered from

the floor. Kentucky has said they submitted corrections to committee chair, but Region IV has not seen a copy of that correction. If accepted, the change will allow 3 terms (plus fraction) in any one office.

Fall Workshop Bids – Deputy Director Woodhave reported that the 2004 Region IV Fall Workshop hosting packets were sent to states offices. Utah president, Richard Messenger, has indicated Utah's interest in hosting the event in Park City. He elaborated on what is available in the way of extracurricular activities. Park City is located approximately 40 minutes from the airport. Washington's Ron Copple expressed concern that what occurred at 2002 Far West Regionals (a \$30 per day surcharge was added to some WSYSA teams' hotel bills) would factor in. Richard Messenger will research the situation. He will attempt to resolve the problem if Ron can provide documentation of which hotels and which teams were involved. He will also check into the circumstances surrounding the surcharge. Deputy Director Woodhave indicated that Region IV would be negotiating contracts for hotel rates, which should help alleviate those issues. Both she and Director Rose expressed confidence that any hotel issues will be resolved prior to the event being scheduled.

It was moved and seconded (John Murphy / Lyle Nanneman) that Utah Youth Soccer Association be approved to host Region IV Fall Workshop in 2004
Motion carried

2005 Region IV Fall Workshop – AYSA president, Joe Ver indicated Alaska's interest in hosting the 2005 workshop in Anchorage. He presented an overview of hotel accommodations, weather, and accessibility. The Alaska Convention and Visitors Bureau would work with AYSA in hosting the event. A short video presentation showed some of the attractions to be found in Alaska.

It was moved and seconded (Ron Copple / Bob Selsvold)) that Alaska Youth Soccer Association be approved to host Region IV Fall Workshop in 2005
Motion carried

TopSoccer – Rod Short expressed CYSA South's concerns about the current US Youth Soccer TOPSoccer committee chairman.

Secretarial Position-

It was moved and seconded (Ron Cooke / Ron Copple) to abolish the position of secretary from the Regional IV Council.

It was explained that in 1997 the secretary/treasurer position was split into two separate positions. The job obligations grew to the point that it needed to be separated. Regions I and III currently do not have secretaries. The secretary/treasurer position not recognized by US Youth Soccer. Cal South's Rod Short questioned how cost savings across the board might be accomplished. It was reported that the secretarial position costs about \$4000 per year to fund. Rod felt uneasy about making a decision without more documentation. The suggestion was made to defer the decision until the October meeting. Arizona's Melody Dye expressed concerns and how bylaws might impact the elimination of an existing position. Director Rose indicated that the Region does not operate under its own bylaws and because US Youth Soccer does not recognize those council positions, the secretary and treasurer only vote at Region council meetings. They are not addressed in the bylaws of US Youth Soccer. Cal North's John Murphy concurred with tabling the matter pending closer examination of what the secretarial job entails and what the cost is to Region IV to maintain the position.

It was moved and seconded (John Murphy/ Jim Coleman) that the motion on the floor be tabled.
A written ballot was requested.
Motion carried with 30 votes in favor, 29 votes opposed

Good of the Game -

Alaska – Joe Ver wished to recognize three volunteers who are leaving AYSA. Sandy and Dennis Bolz and Kathy Richards.

Colorado – Bob Selsvold reported that their state AGM would be taking place soon.

California North – John Murphy expressed his concern about the fact that two ODP players from Cal North were invited to play on another state's team without CYSA's prior knowledge. CYSA would appreciate Region IV researching this situation and the resulting bill for those two players.

Idaho- Jim Coleman reported that in IYSA, the Meridian area organization has renewed their commitment to register 2500 players.

Nevada- Sally Kodya reported that Nevada would have new director of coaching by Sunday. She also gave a follow up report on their teams' level of success at Far West Regionals.

Washington – Ron Cople reported that the association has been very busy. The men's national team played at Safeco Field in March. The women's Gold Cup quarters and semi finals will be held in Seattle in November.

Oregon – Steve Baker reported that Region IV Boys ODP camp, which was held in Oregon, went well. His teams had a great time at Far West Regionals. OYSA is looking at a bid for hosting nationals in 2006.

Utah – Richard Messenger expressed his thanks to everyone for making Far West Regionals a success. Negotiations are in progress for Nike Cup games to be held in Utah.

Director Rose announced that at this point in the meeting, elections would be held. He turned the meeting over to Michael Blackburn.

Elections -

Nominations for Region IV Director

Nevada nominated Darl for Region IV Director. Alaska seconded the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming.

It was moved and seconded (Colorado / Alaska) that Darl Rose be appointed by acclamation.
Motion carried.

Nominations for Region IV Deputy Director (even year)

California North nominated Jolene Woodhave for Region IV Deputy Director (even year). Wyoming seconded the nomination. No other nominations were forthcoming.

It was moved and seconded (Colorado / Idaho) that Jolene Woodhave be appointed by acclamation.
Motion carried.

Nominations for Region IV Secretary

Colorado nominated Pam Cople for Region IV Secretary. Wyoming seconded the nomination. Ms. Cople declined the nomination. California North nominated Linda Bolin for Region IV Secretary. California South seconded the nomination. Colorado nominated Pam Cople for Region IV Secretary. Wyoming seconded the nomination. Ms. Cople accepted the nomination.

It was moved and seconded (Idaho / Wyoming) that nominations for Region IV Secretary be closed.
Motion carried

It was moved and seconded (Wyoming / Colorado) that the vote for Region IV Secretary be taken by closed ballot.
Motion carried. Ballots were distributed.

Good of the Game (continued)

New Mexico – Mark Paffett reported that New Mexico's ODP teams had a great experience at camp. Far West Regionals were wonderful!

Wyoming – Lyle Nanneman thanked everyone and Region IV for all the help over the years. He asked for their continuing support for the new president, Ken Uhrich.

Montana – John Hollow informed the council that Montana is always expanding due to the existence of so many small communities that do not have soccer as yet. Gary Groshelle, the Montana Director of Development, is working on an outreach program.

Hawaii - Scott Keopuhiwa thanked Utah for hosting regionals. He also expressed his appreciation for all that Lyle had done for Region IV.

California South – Paul Doty shared how proud CYSA South is of their success at regionals. He reported that their recreational program has grown by 5%. TOPSoccer has doubled in size.

Arizona – Melody Dye reported that Arizona teams were successful at regionals. One team advanced to nationals.

On behalf of Joyce Pineda, the Region IV ODP Championships Chairman, Deputy Director Ron Cooke announced that the 2003 ODP championships would be held in Las Vegas in conjunction with Region IV coaching symposium

Deputy Director Woodhave distributed Coach of the Year applications. They are due October 1st. Jeremy Fagundes from from Hanford in District 7 of Cal North was the Region IV youth referee of the year. He was named US Youth Soccer's Young Referee of the Year. Deputy Director Woodhave thanked everyone for their support for the past two years and for showing their continuing support by re-electing her.

Director Rose thanked his Region IV staff (Linda, Jolene, John and Ron in particular) for their efforts on behalf of youth soccer. The thanked everyone who supported him in his bid for reelection.

The result of the election for Region IV Secretary was announced. Linda Bolin was reelected with 32 votes in her favor. There were 24 votes in favor of Pam Copple.

Cal North's John Murphy thanked Kathi Killion, of the CYSA North staff, for filling in to take minutes in Linda Bolin's absence.

It was moved and seconded (Darl Rose / Mark Paffett) to adjourn the meeting.
Motion carried

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 P.M.